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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am fortunate that broadband competition has come to our small rural community of Goessel, Kansas. Without competition I would be forced to pay unfair prices for services I do not need. Due to the local competition I am able to receive high speed internet for a reasonable price without being required to pay for an antiquated landline that I do not need.

Broadband is a critical tool for my work and my children's education. The local competition for telephone and broadband service resulted in broadband being affordable. Prior to competition my family went without internet access simply because we could not afford it.

The competition of a second local provider in our community also resulted in huge savings for our school. As a school employee I saw firsthand the benefits and investment that could be made in other things due to reduced internet and phone costs.

Our local provider has also provided benefits and charitable contributions to our local community. Please consider the needs of small communities over the interests of large corporate greed.

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